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ADDISON BROWN

Judge Addison Brown, a member of this club since the second year of its existence and for ten years its president, died on the 9th of April, 1913, in the eighty-third year of his life.

Judge Brown's early studies were pursued under the tuition of Benjamin Greenleaf, the mathematician, to whose influence was probably due the fondness for astronomy which he always displayed. His collegiate course was at Amherst, and later at Harvard, where he graduated in 1852. His studies were remarkably well balanced and his life was characterized by an interest in widely separated fields of investigation. He was a competent art critic and a creditable violinist. His legal preparation was at the Harvard Law School, from which he graduated in 1855. He began the practice of law in New York City in the following year. In 1881, he became Judge in the United States District Court which position he held until his retirement, in 1901.

Judge Brown's botanical work, in which we are chiefly interested, began even before he became a member of this club, but was much more active thereafter. His connection with the club was most helpful to it, but it is interesting to consider also to how great an extent his own work in this field, and his great service to botany, were determined by this relation. Almost his first active work in local botany was in connection with our ballast plants. He preserved his specimens and formed a private herbarium, and also accumulated a good working library. Although he could not be regarded as a general collector, yet he made a number of botanical excursions in distant parts of this country and studied portions of the European flora in the field. His American travels extended as far as Alaska.

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It is significant of the character of the man that Judge Brown's later work was the more important. His service, in connection with Judge Charles P. Daly, in drawing the charter of the New York Botanical Garden, was of inestimable value, not only to that institution, but to botanical science. He became the president of the Garden in 1910 and continued in that position until the time of his death.

He was a subscriber to the endowment fund of the garden to the extent of \$25,000 and he bequeathed to it property to the value of more than \$20,000. This bequest is preserved in The Addison Brown Fund, the income of which is to be devoted to the publication of a magazine with colored illustrations.

The greatest botanical work in which the Judge participated was the writing of Britton and Brown's *Illustrated Flora of the Northern United States, Canada and the British Possessions*, the second edition of which was completed just before his death. It should never be forgotten that Judge Brown undertook this great work with no expectation that it would ever repay its cost. His only anxiety was as to the probable extent of his loss, which he hoped would not exceed \$25,000; and it is exceptionally gratifying, under such circumstances, that the publication proved to be financially, as well as scientifically, successful.

An extended obituary, written by Dr. N. L. Britton, will be found in the *Journal* of the New York Botanical Garden for June, 1913.

H. H. RUSBY

VIOLETS NEW TO SOUTHEASTERN VIRGINIA

BY H. D. HOUSE

A single day was spent by the writer in the vicinity of Gilmer-ton, Norfolk county, Virginia, in April of 1912, and again in April, 1913. The only finds of real interest were violets, abundant and easy to find at that season of the year.

VIOLA SEPTEMLOBA LeConte

This rare southern species seems well entitled to a position in the flora of the northeastern states, having already been twice